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This lesson book of the Karuk language, for elementary school students, teaches the Karuk "unifon" alphabet and some pronunciation. The lesson book includes exercises to familiarize children with animals and their Karuk names. The exercises also encourage children to learn Karuk names for colors and parts of the body. There is a legend, "The Story of Slug," in English. The story suggests that the slug was cursed to sit under rocks after betraying the trust of other animals. The story then is broken down into individually numbered sentences and translated into phonetic Karuk. (TES)

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Karuk Unifon

Single Sound Alphabet

Note: The Karuk R is pronounced by tapping the tip of the tongue on the roof of the mouth.

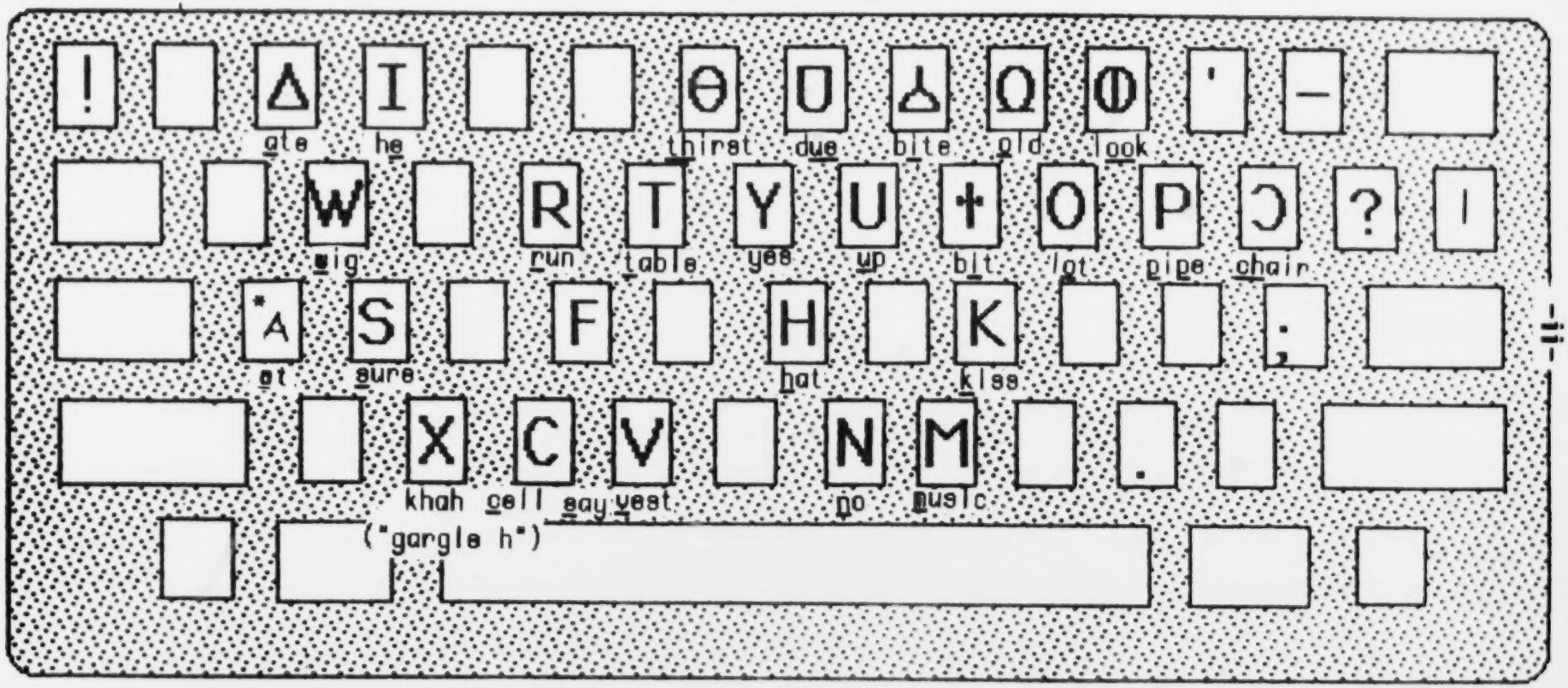
The Karuk O is sometimes nasalized: $\tilde{O}$

at ate cell say chair he fast hat bit bite

kiss music no lot old pipe look run sure

table thirst up due yest wig yes khah ("gorgle h")

KARUK UNIFON KEYBOARD



* To make the letter "A" hold down the shift key and the option key at the same time and press the letter "A" on the keyboard

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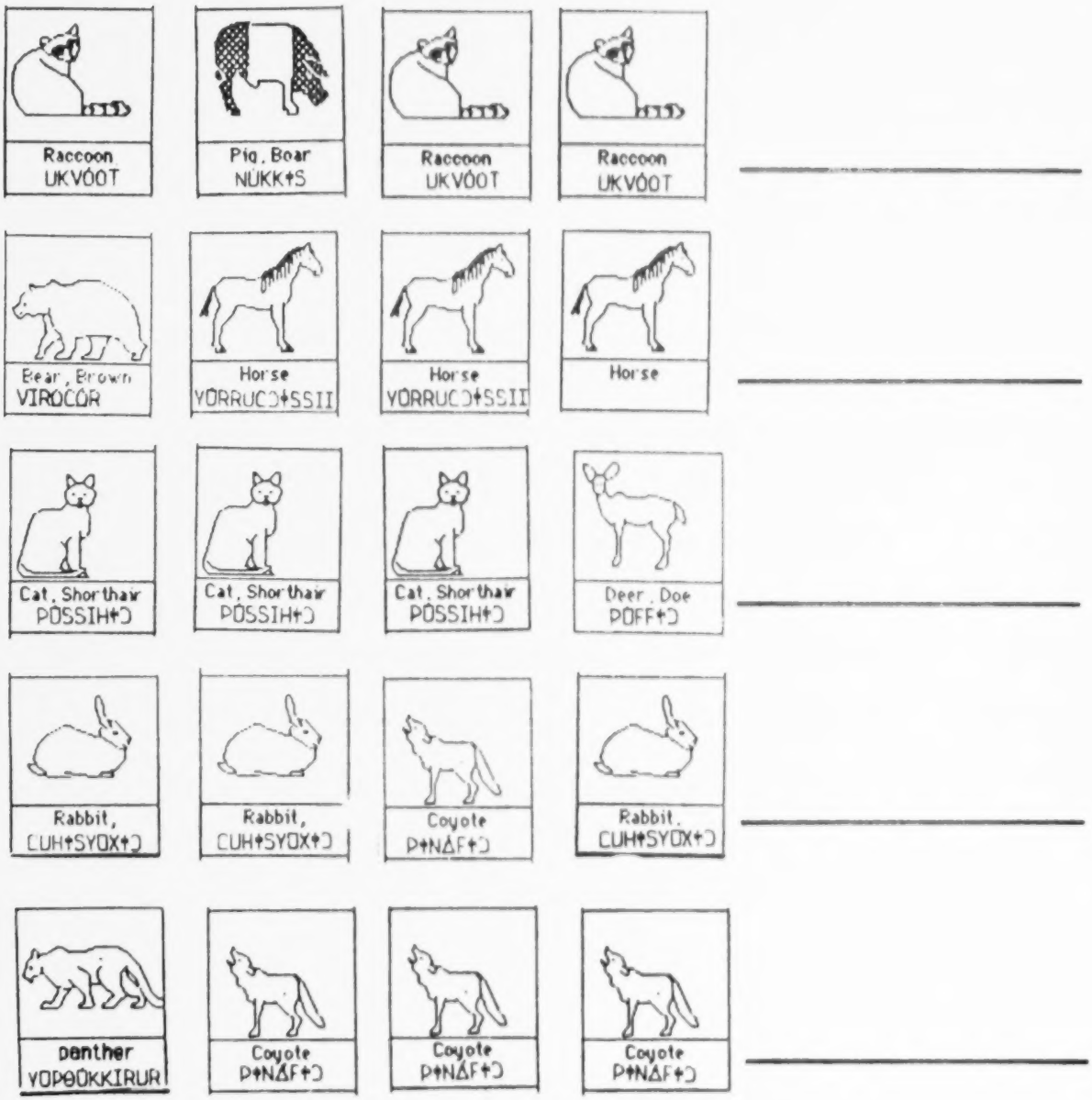

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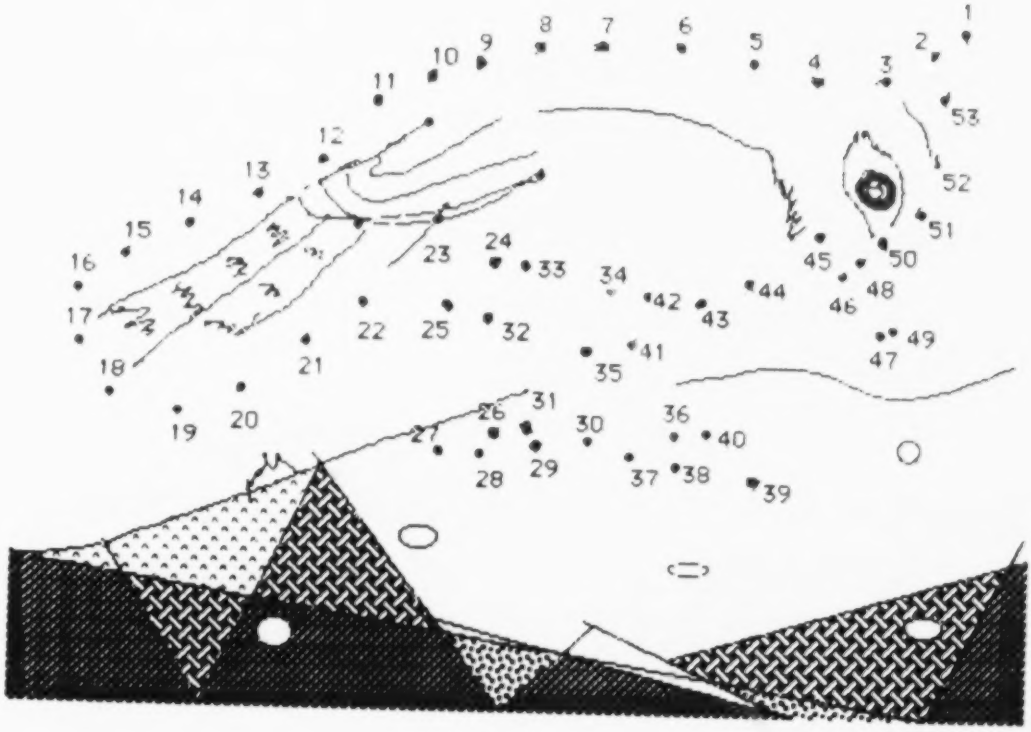

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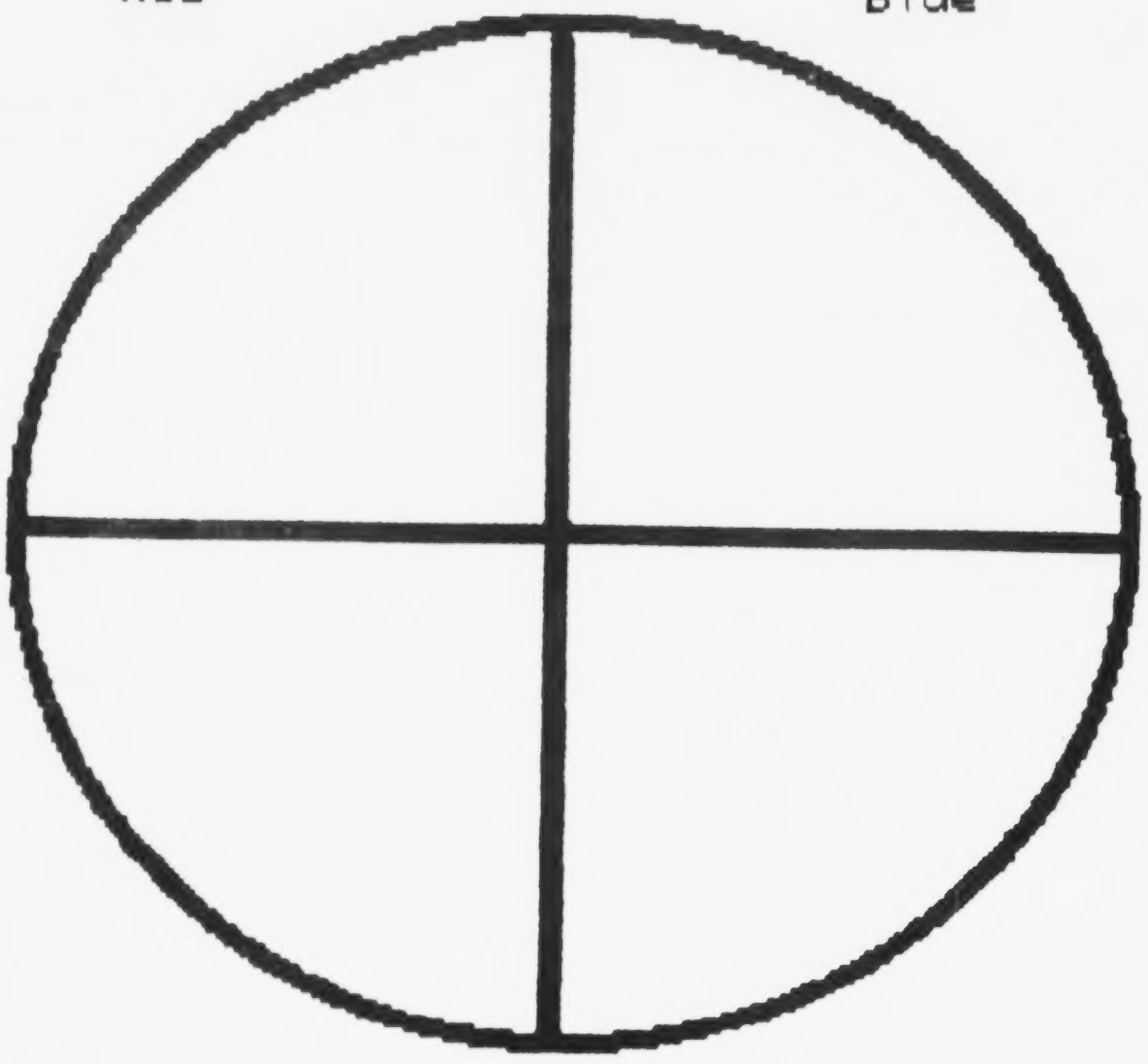
dog

Karuk Color Wheel



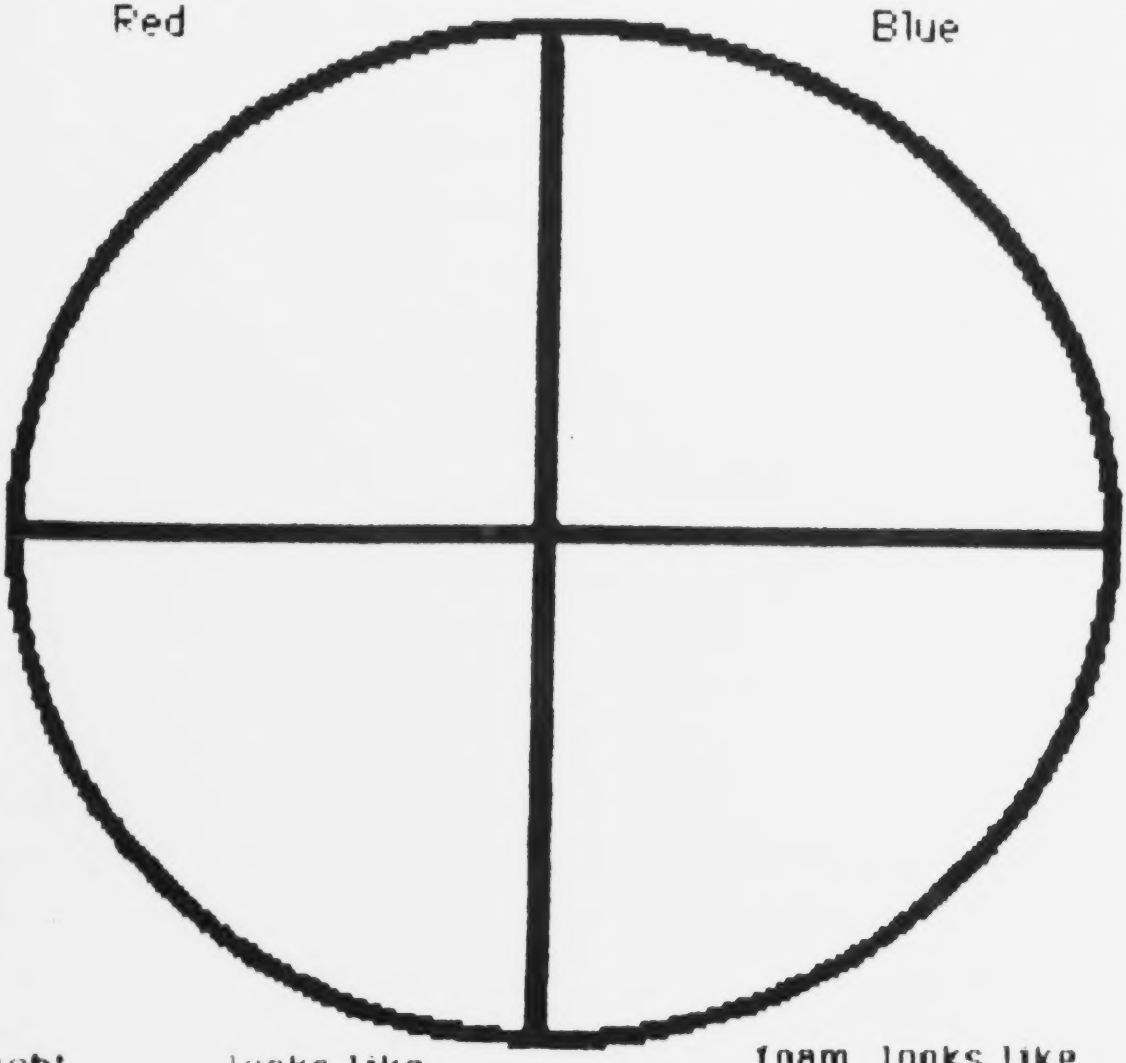
Karuk Color Wheel

blood looks like
OX-KONtS

Red

θOK-KIN-KONtS

Blue



night looks like
IK-XUR-RUM-KONtS

Black

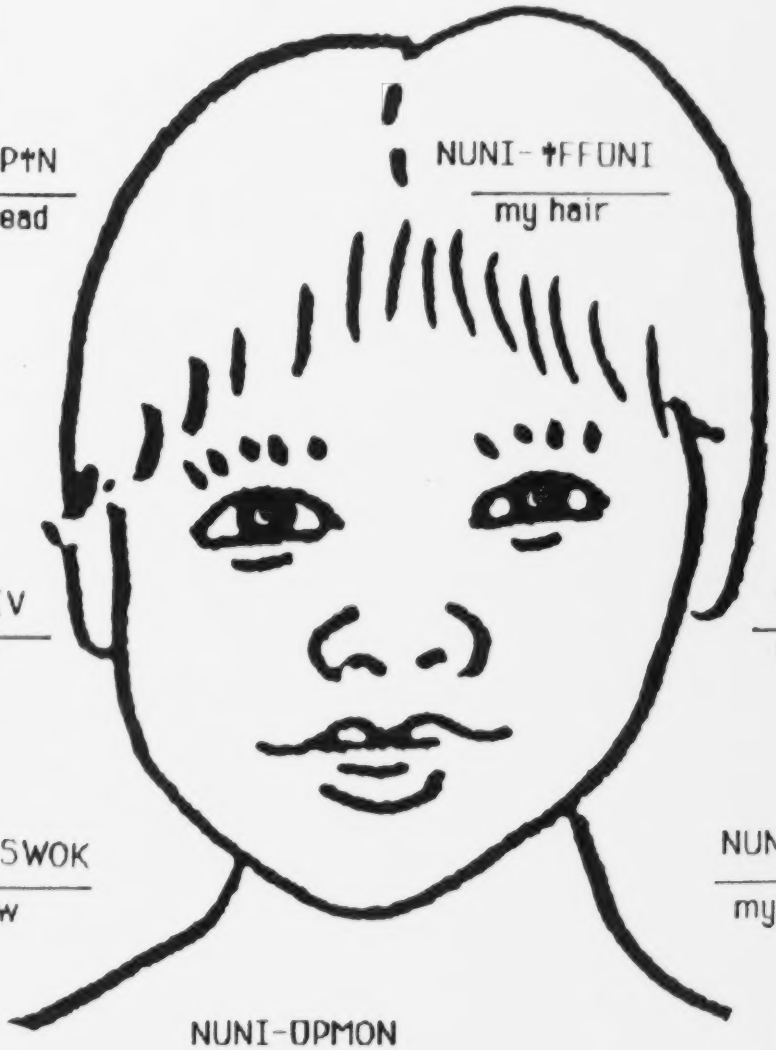
foam looks like
JUN-JOF-KONtS

White

dust looks like
UM-TOP-KONtS

Gray

Karuk Head Parts



NUNI-UXWO
my head

NUNI-OSROVU
my brains

NUNI-UX-WONUPON
top of my head

NUNI-YUPTN
my forehead

NUNI-TFFUNI
my hair

NUNI-YUUP
my eye

NUNI-TIIV
my ear

NUNI-OV
my face

NUNI-TSWOK
my jaw

NUNI-YUFFTV
my nose

NUNI-UPMON
my mouth

NUNI-WU
my teeth

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my neck

NUNI-UPRTI
my tongue

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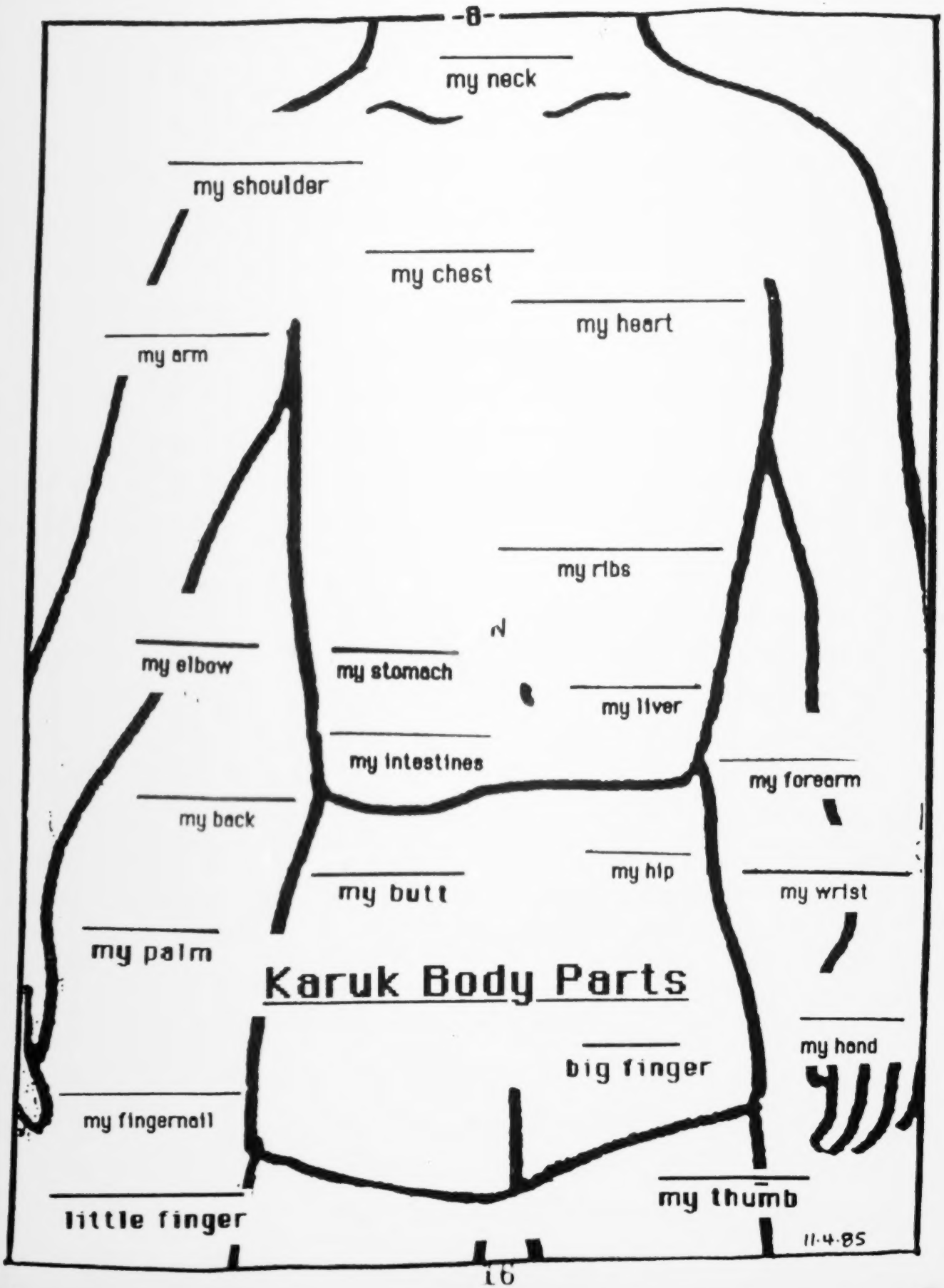
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Karuk Body Parts
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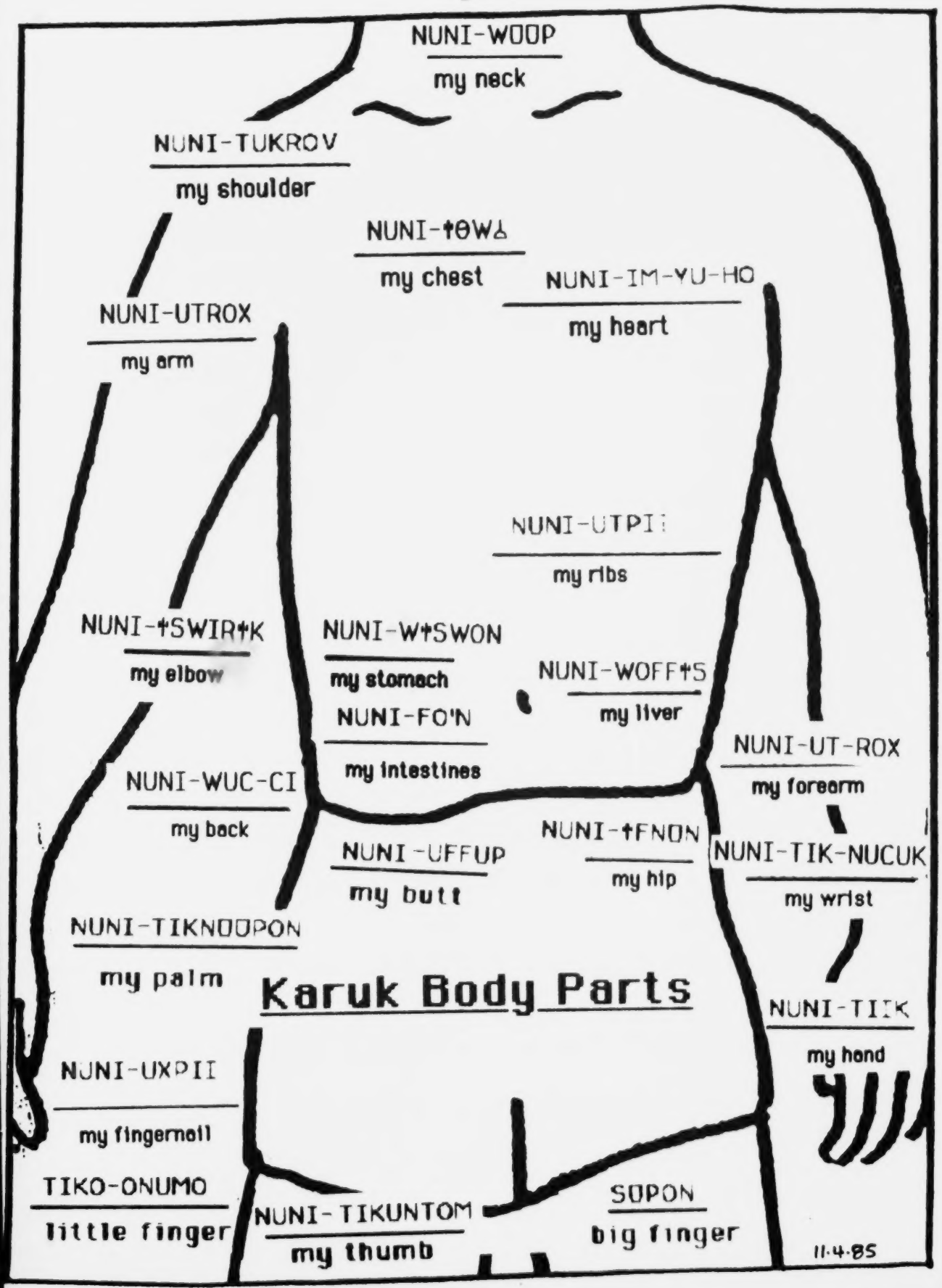
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my arm
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my thumb
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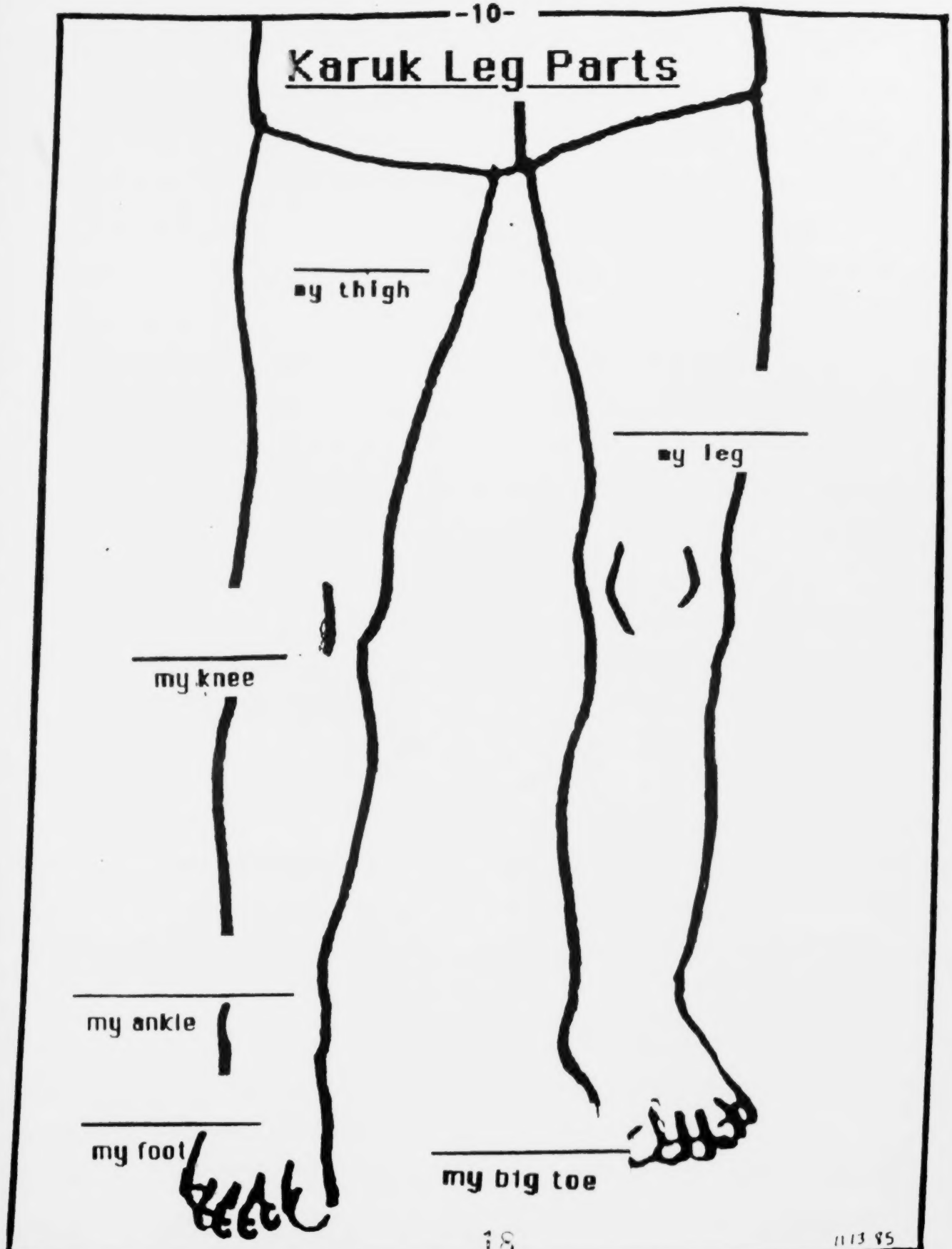
Karuk Leg Parts



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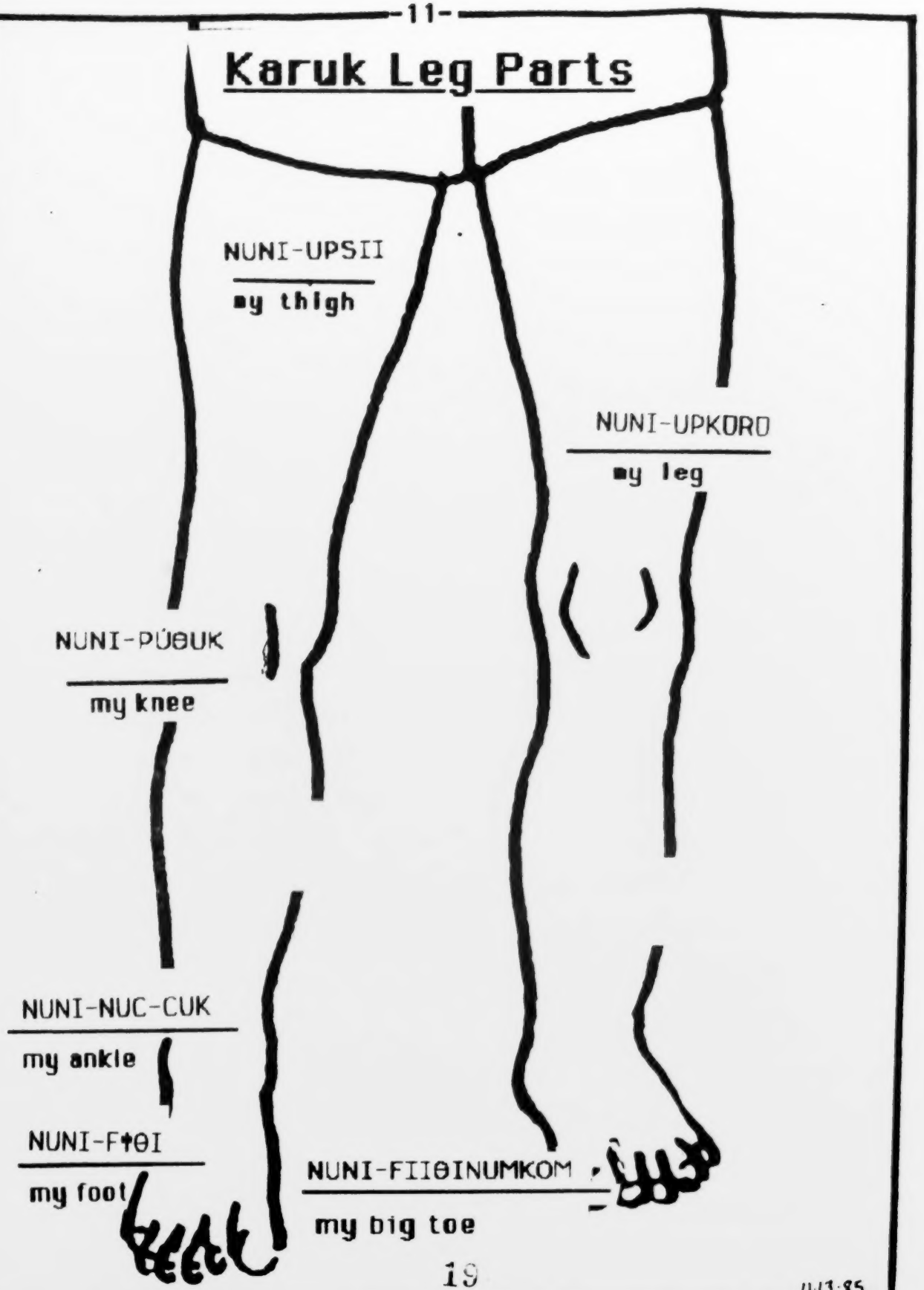

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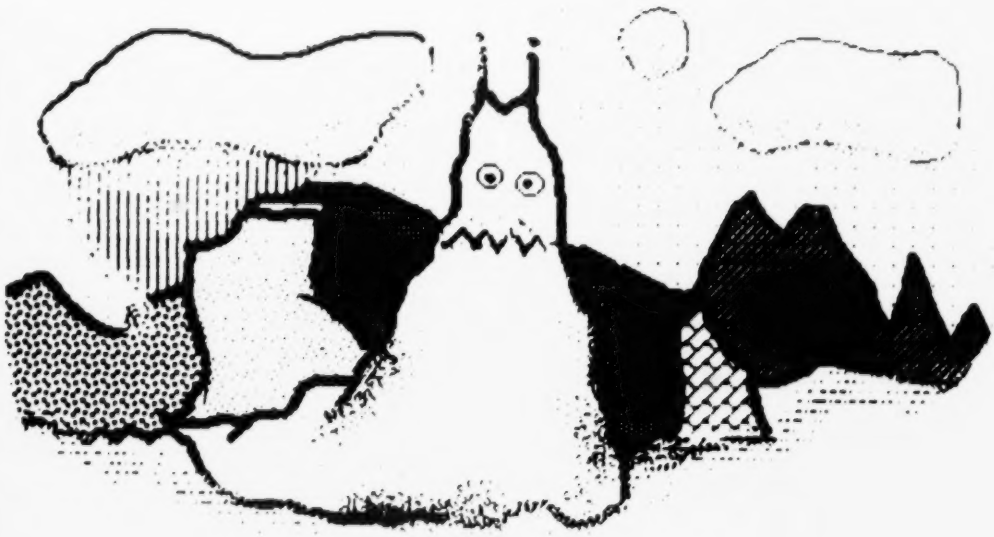
The Story of Slug



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1. All of the small animals wanted to get together. "Let's store the food all together," they said, so that they could share the work of gathering. 2. They gathered together and collected all kinds of food. They gathered much more than if each had worked separately. 3. And together they gathered until they had more than enough to last through the winter. 4. And they said, "Who will take care of it?" 5. And Slug said, "I will take care of it." 6. And all of the small animals worked so hard. 7. There was a lot of food because they had gathered it all summer long. 8. And then winter came› 9. And then when they came back to the place where their food was stored, suddenly they heard a very noticeable noise. They couldn't make out what it was . 10. And then it uttered a growl. 11. And they scattered. 12. And then they said to one another, "What is it?" 13. Then they one by one sneaked up to see what was making the noise. 14. You see, they were afraid of something. And they thought, "What is it?" 15. Finally, they found out that it was slug. He thought there was a lot of food, so much that he could eat all he wanted, and there would still be more food. He ate and ate and ate, and he ate up all of the food and left none for the other animals. That was why he scared them. They heard him eating, and they couldn't recognize the sound, but it scared them. And they told him, "In your life, in your whole life you will be sticking to the bottom of a rock someplace. You won't be doing anything either." Slug acted lowdown when he was given a sacred trust to care for the food, and they found out how he is. That is why we see him clinging to the bottom or rocks today.

The Story of Slug "Ø"

1. KØ-VÛRU-PU KAM-M↑SU TUN-VÂ-CUC
all the animals small

KUN-PÎIP XOT↑K Y↑COC NØ-CUR↑S-RI
said lets altogether will store

VU-PU UV-VO-HO
the food

2. XUC XØ-VÛRU KUMU UV-VO-HO, Y↑COC
and all kind of food together

KUN NIX-YOV
they made

3. XORI-XUC Y↑COC KUN CUR-R↑SRI-VU
and together they gathered

4. XUC KUN UPÎIP UK-KA XUC-U-ÂØTI-HAS
and they said who will take care of it.

5. XUC ÂØ UPÎIP N↑X XUC-NI-ÂØTI-HAS
and slug said I will take care of it

6. XUC KØ-VURU PU KAM-M↑SSU TUN-VAC-CUC
and all the animals small

KUN-IK-YOV-VIC-VUNO, YUKÛN-VO-KÛN KUN
went you see they were

7. PU-YOV-VØRU-UM TOT-TA TO-KUN-N↑K-IYOV
so there were very much they gathered it

8. XƏRI-XƏC-TI PƟS-YƏV-PƏ
and then winter

9. XƏRI-XƏC PƏ-XƏ XƏN PƏV-YIN-NƏ ƱX-MƗ
and then when they came back suddenly

VÓ-RU FÓƏT-VU XƏN-ƏƟT-TIV
very much something they heard

10. XƏRI-XƏC Ə-PÎIP ƏXRÂƏN-Ə
and then it uttered a growl

11. XƏC XƏN IR-RƏ-RÓM-VƏ
and they scattered

12. XƏRI-XƏC XƏN Ə-PÎIP FƏƏT-Ə-TƏ
and then they said what is it

13. PƏ-YƏ-VƏ-RU Ɵ-ƆƏM-MÓ-HƟƆ XƏN-ƆƏN-VÓ-XƟR
then they one by one they crashed up

14. YƏ-XƏN-TƏ-XƏN Ɨ-FƏƏT-VU
you see they were afraid of something

XƏC XƏN XƏTI FƏƏT-Ə-TƏ
and they thought what is it

15. ƆƏVƏRƏ XƏN Ə-Ə-PƏN-MƏ-HIN-NƏ-PƏ ƗƏ
finally they found out there it was sing

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there he thought lot very much

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